

“Spoiler-Teach” Infomercial
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A comedy sketch built around an imaginary infomercial for Spoiler-Teach. Spoiler-Teach is a self-teaching approach to knowing what's about to happen in real life.

And here's how it works. Like Netflix, you make your movie selections and are provided movies, however, these movies have been specially treated per your request with spoiler statements written on the bottom of the screen throughout, shortly before something is about to happen.

As Marco is soon to be shot from out of nowhere and you would never know it, a small countdown clock ticks off ten seconds before the moment, describing the upcoming moment. This might be used for upcoming onscreen explosions, surprise kisses, even ejaculations, anything requested.

Jim, the jovial infomercial host, enthusiastically reinforces the oft-repeated idea that Spoiler-Teach can be used to self-teach yourself to know what is going to happen next from moment to moment in your life. Brief dramatizations help illustrate how amazingly Spoiler-Teach works.

Susie has a conversation with her boyfriend where she knows every little thing he's about to say (and says it first), and what he's been doing, despite there being no way she could know.

Dave has been studying “spoilered” movies possessing threats to the entire world as their subject, or as part of the story, such as “Fail Safe”, “Mars Attacks!”, “Dr. Strangelove”, anything where the Earth hangs in the balance. “So Dave,” says Jim, “has Spoiler-Tech taught you what you wanted to learn?” “I’m afraid it has, Jim,” replies Dave sadly. “Uh-oh!” says Jim, and in a nervous, low voice, says to Dave, “You’ll have to tell me about that, uh, later when we’re done.” Dave nods sadly.

Jim says, “And now, over here we have Mary. Mary, what Spoiler-Teach movies have you been watching?” Mary replies that she just likes watching movies where people wear winter sweaters while surrounded by snow. A clip from a skiing drama is seen, with countdown clocks ticking off on the bottom of the screen alongside words indicating things such as, “Snow is about to spray onto the front of Rob’s sweater before he falls over while trying to ski around a tree,” or “.....more seconds before we see Rob at home, his leg in a cast, wearing a blue sweater that depicts snowflakes and antelopes.” Jim asks if she has learned anything from Spoiler-Teach. Mary says, “Oh yes, you’ll be spilling food on your wife’s sweater just moments before the world ends.” “Mary, I think you may be having sex with Dave, aren’t you. Ha-ha! ‘Cause I’ve been watching how Spoiler-Teach cross-mingles spoiler knowledge in people when they, well.... Ha-ha-ha, I think I already know the answer about you and Dave!” “It’s helping me see through him the upcoming end of the world he knows about, and I’m helping him see what’s going to happen regarding sweaters. We love Spoiler-Teach. And – Spoiler-Teach brought Dave and me together!” Jim says, “How do you like that? So send for our ‘spoilerized’ movies, and in no time you’ll be the spoiler everywhere you go!”

The End